

Radiant Brides Usher In the Valentine Month



MRS. STANLEY MCGINLEY
... On Wedding Day
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MRS. DONALD KASTEN
... On Honeymoon
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MRS. KENNETH PURVIANCE
... Former Kathleen Kirks
(Martel Photo)



MRS. JOHN EMERSON
... Recites Vows
(Portrait by Seeman)

YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

"Children ... Suffer Emotional Scars"

Dear Ann Landers: My older sister passed away three months ago and we took her 13-year-old daughter into our home. We have two, well-adjusted boys, 10 and 6, and frankly, we are not experienced in handling a problem child.

She is quarrelsome, dishonest and lazy. Some days I must pull her bodily out of bed to get her to go to school. She doesn't care how she looks, and if I didn't insist that she bathe daily she wouldn't bother.

Our sons were excited at the prospect of having "an older sister," but she ignores them. She cries frequently for no apparent reason, and when I try to talk to her she stares into space as if she doesn't hear.

Her father was an alcoholic who wouldn't work and her mother ran around with an odd assortment of men. Although the home was never actually broken up, it was a wretched place for a child to live.

I thought this change would be wonderful and that she'd appreciate our love and kindness, but it hasn't worked out that way. Please tell us what we are doing wrong. We need help.

Dear Ann and Uncle: You can't expect a child who has spent the first 13 years of her life in the environment you describe to suddenly be a loving, sunny cherub. Children who grow up in an atmosphere of hostility, infidelity and drunkenness suffer deep emotional scars which cannot be erased over night.

This girl has been denied security and the love of responsible parents. She needs affection and understanding. She may also need psychiatric help. Ask your doctor about the facilities available for disturbed children. You could save this girl from winding up in a mental or penal institution. The rewards for your patience and understanding will be enormous. Good luck.

Dear Ann: I had to write to you, after reading the letter from Z.Z.Z. who complained about watching her husband get dressed for dates. I not only have to WATCH mine get dressed, I must pack his suitcase because his current girl friend lives 200 miles away.

Every other weekend he takes off, and during the week he runs up the long-distance telephone bill. On top of that he hasn't given me a dime in two months and I've had to

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Beta Sigma Breakfast Set March 17

The Pi Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Manhattan Beach held their second meeting of the year at the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening.

President Anne Bromley turned a portion of the business meeting over to Mrs. Stephen Nicely who is chairman of the Beta Sigma Phi Breakfast to be held at the Mira Mar Hotel, Santa Monica, Sunday, March 17. Beta Sigma Phi women from all parts of California will be in attendance.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Stephen Mady of Torrance presented the program on Art. After a brief resume of art, Mrs. Mady displayed an original painting called "Play Something" by Roger Bacon and each member was asked to give her interpretation of the painting. Also displayed was a mosaic table of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and a mosaic plaque done by Mrs. Mady.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Ernest Sommerville and Miss Dorothy Stearns.

The previous cultural program was conducted by Mrs. Charles Fitzpatrick and Mrs. James Meador. The guest speaker, Doris Ridings, is a former instructor for Arthur Murray in Los Angeles and gave a delightful demonstration of the popular dances.

Wed Saturday

Klink-Backlund Vows Exchanged

Two of the area's first families were linked in marriage last Saturday with the wedding of Phyllis Ann Klink and J. Henry Backlund. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Sears, 1635 Post Ave. and Mr. and Mrs. John Backlund of Lomita are parents of the bridegroom.

The ceremony took place at the Sears home. The fireplace in the living room was banked with greenery and baskets of pink and white stock. The Rev. Walter Stanton, pastor of the Central Evangelical Church, officiated at the candlelight service, which was witnessed by family members and a few close friends.

For her wedding, Mrs. Klink wore a periwinkle blue silk crepe dress and carried a bouquet of white orchids and carnations.

Mrs. Jack Brooks served as her attendant. She wore a rose crepe dress and a matching corsage.

Leonard Backlund stood as his brother's best man.

A champagne reception followed. A pink, white, and silver theme decorated the table holding the wedding cake. Bobby and Marty Klink were in charge of the guest book.

The newlyweds are spending a honeymoon in Palm Springs. Upon their return, they will be

at home at 6456 Via de Anzar, Miraleste.

The new Mrs. Backlund was graduated from the local high school and Compton Junior College.

Mr. Backlund also received his education in this area and is owner of the Backlund Garage here.

Attending the wedding were: Messrs. and Mmes. John Backlund, Dean Sears, Leonard Backlund, Douglas R. Lowery, Earl Clayton, Robert Trezise, Carl Backlund, Jack Brooks, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stanton, Dr. and Mrs. Burton Easley, Mrs. Freeman, Miss Linda Backlund, Bobby and Marty Klink.

Idaho Guests

Dr. and Mrs. Allen Hofferber, 1624 Iris have as their houseguests this week, Dr. Hofferber's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Merle Hofferber and daughters, Connie and Terry of St. Mary's, Idaho.

Gamma Phi Will See New Fashions

Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae of the South Bay area will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Stockdale, 2709 Via Elevado, Palos Verdes Estates, Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30. Mrs. Bent Davies, Rolling Hills, will assist the hostess.

A fashion show presented by Mary Lou Whelan of Jana Fashions will be the highlight of the evening, with members of the sorority acting as models.

Final plans are being made for a rummage sale to be held Feb. 28 at 114 N. Pacific, Redondo Beach, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Larry Burr, Hawthorne.

Gamma Phi who attended the Pan Hellenic luncheon at the Hacienda, Jan. 28, include Mmes. H. W. Jones, Manhattan Beach; Donald Moses, Rolling Hills; Paul Winn, Palos Verdes Estates; William Schindler and Mason Mallory, Palos Verdes Riviera.

New members in the area are invited to call Mrs. Thomas Day, for reservations and information.

Delphians to Meet Today

Delta Tau Delta chapter of the Delphian Society will meet at Smith's Fish Shanty in Welteria this morning to discuss "American Women."

The next meeting will be held Feb. 19 when the topic will be "Marriage and Motherhood."

For Crippled Children

Madrecitas Sponsors Fashion Mardi Gras

Las Madrecitas, South Bay Auxiliary of Crippled Children's Guild of Orthopedic Hospital, will present its third annual benefit luncheon fashion show on Feb. 10 at Marineland Restaurant, Palos Verdes Drive South.

"Mardi Gras in Fashion" will feature spring and summer styles by Lanz, according to Mrs. Joseph Rohlinger, Hollywood Riviera, chairman of the event.

"Proceeds from the show, as from other Las Madrecitas benefit events, will go to the Guild," said Mrs. Ernest Dahlman, Jr., also of the Riviera. "This year the Guild and Orthopedic Hospital are building new and larger facilities for the care and treatment of crippled children in Southern California."

Co-chairman of the event is Mrs. David Levine. In charge of seating arrangements is Mrs. Bruce Swager assisted by the Mmes. Walter Hefz and Arnold W. Martin. Mrs. Malcolm Richmond heads the decorations committee which includes the Mmes. William W. Buchanan, Richard Egan, Robert Friedson,



TOMORROW IS THEIR DAY ... Members of the Torrance Memorial Hospital auxiliary, wearing their pink uniforms, will sell tickets in the downtown Torrance and South Bay shopping centers tomorrow in support of their annual Valentine Ball. Making ready for their journey are, in car, Mmes. O. G. Giles and James C. Anderson. Standing, Mmes. Ernest Butt, James K. Lees, Paul A. Winn and Forrest Riegel.

Guild Slates Meet on Feb. 11

Members and friends of the Guild of Central Evangelical Church will meet for luncheon at 12 noon in the guild hall on Feb. 11.

Following the luncheon, a business meeting will be conducted at 2 p.m. by Mrs. Ruby Smith, president. Mrs. Jake Grosskoff will give the devotional.

Cupid's Helpers

Valentine Ball Tickets on Sale

Cupid may wear only a bow and arrow but his confederates from the Women's Auxiliary to the Torrance Memorial Hospital will wear their chic uniforms as they invade the shopping centers of Torrance and the South Bay area Friday, Feb. 6, to promote their eighth annual Valentine Ball.

The women will sell tickets and will carry and display their equally well-dressed Pinky puppet which the Auxiliary provides for every child patient at Torrance Memorial.

Serving as ticket chairman is Mrs. Olen Giles and her co-chairmen are Mrs. Dean Virden, Torrance; Mrs. James K. Lees, Rolling Hills; Mrs. Paul Winn, Palos Verdes; Mrs. Paul Roettger, Hollywood Riviera; Mrs. Ernest Butt, Redondo Beach; Mrs. Forrest Riegel,

Manhattan Beach and Mrs. James C. Anderson, Gardena. Mrs. W. C. Boswell, Mrs. John Tiffin, Mrs. Allen Pyeatt and Mrs. John Stevens are the members of the general committee with Mrs. Henry Creeger as hospitality chairman. Buffet chairman is Mrs. R. A. Bingham and Mrs. H. F. Heintlein is decor and publicity chairman.

Proceeds from the charity benefit, to be held Feb. 14 at the Mayflower Ballroom in Inglewood, will again be used for development and expansion of the facilities of the Torrance hospital.

League Coffee Hour Tonight

League of Women Voters of Palos Verdes Estates invites all recent and prospective members to a coffee hour at the home of Mrs. Harry Johnson, 2517 Chelsea Rd., Palos Verdes Estates, tonight, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m.

The purpose of the "coffee" is to explain the organization and scope of the league to the newcomers. Membership in the Palos Verdes chapter is open to all interested women in the South Bay area. For transportation and further information contact Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. Thomas Starr, 3705 Via Palomino, Palos Verdes.

Club Hostess

Mrs. James Glover entertaining her bridge club and an extra table of new neighbors last Wednesday at her home, 5129 Merrill St.

A dessert course was served prior to the games in which the top prizes were won by Mrs. Dale Galbraith and Mrs. Robert Dreizer. Mrs. Glover's guests were Mmes. M. E. Brittnacher, Arthur Bordley, William Burke, Kent Molton, David Morley, J. C. Glover, Richard Gefurt, Robert Saunders and Ted Abrahams.



A MARDI GRAS ... Crippled children will again benefit from Las Madrecitas' annual fashion show to be held Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Marineland Restaurant. "A Mardi Gras in Fashions" by Lanz will highlight the luncheon show. Making plans are, from left, Mmes. G. J. Kleinhesselink, hostess, Benjamin W. Kuhn, vice president and Louis Lanzer, ticket chairman. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Lanzer.